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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Marlin

Serial No.: 09/704,771

Group: 3712

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Examiner: Miller, B

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed 04/23/04. Applicant requests an interview with the examiner to discuss the above case.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please see the attachment

RESPONSE

The Office Action has rejected claim 22 in light of Vaiani. Applicants respectfully disagree.

As noted in the Office Action:

“Vaiani teaches in the figures most of the elements of the claimed invention, including a helical section (70), a handle being integral with said helical section, the handle